

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN THE MATTER OF: Hisashi TAKEUCHI et al.

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

SIR:

This Preliminary Amendment is being concurrently filed with the filing of an RCE in connection with the captioned patent application. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the required fees and any other fees in the prosecution of this application to Deposit Account No. 504581.

Please amend the present application as follows: